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SEZ proposals cleared by Government

878 SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) how many SEZ proposals have been cleared so far by Government;
- (b) in how many of such cases the land has been acquired,
- (c) in how many land acquisition cases the respective State Governments have been involved and to what extent, the State-wise details thereof;
- (d) what were the reasons for the State Government's acquiring the land; and
- (e) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to the State Governments for acquiring land for the SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) In the 234 valid formal approvals granted till date the extent of land involved is 33,807 hectares of which approximately 17,800 hectares of land was already in the ownership/possession of State Industrial Development Corporations. The rest of the lands were those which were already in the possession of the developers. Thus in all these 234 cases, there was no fresh acquisition of land. However, in respect of the 162 in principle approvals granted, either the State Governments have initiated land acquisition proceedings or the developers are directly purchasing the land. Since land is a State subject, acquisition of land comes under the purview of the State Governments. Each State acquires land for various purposes including for SEZs.

(e) State Governments have been advised that in case of land acquisition for Special Economic Zones, first priority should be given to acquisition of waste and barren land and if necessary single crop agricultural could be acquired for the SEZs. If perforce a portion of double cropped agricultural land has to be acquired to meet the minimum area requirements, especially for multi-product Special Economic Zones, the same should not exceed 10% of the total land required for the SEZ.

Review meeting on acquisition of land for SEZs

† 879. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have considered/are considering to convene a review meeting on the acquisition of land for SEZs;
- (b) if so, the number of such meetings held during the last one year;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the State-wise and Zone-wise details regarding the States, whether SEZs have been approved and the number thereof? ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Land being a State subject, acquisition of land comes under the purview of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Rural Development is currently formulating a revised rehabilitation policy namely the National Rehabilitation Policy 2007 with the objective to minimize displacement and to promote, as far as possible, non-displacing or least displacing alternatives, ensure adequate rehabilitation packages and expeditious implementation of the rehabilitation process with the active participation of the displaced persons. As and when the new policy is implemented, it will apply to acquisition; of land for industrial projects including SEZs.

(d) The details of SEZs approved under the provisions of the SEZ Act, 2005 are as follows:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.